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Official Application Form

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Program Objective

The Omega Black College Tour (OBCT) strives to stimulate an interest, among select students, in attending one of the publicly or privately supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These institutions are more relevant and necessary in 21st Century America than ever before. With their course offerings in the STEM fields, smaller class sizes, support networks, diversity, and openness, HBCUs are critical to providing the next generation of leaders who will support and build our knowledge-based technological society. The tour has resulted in transforming the futures of more than 1500 young people since it was founded in 1987.

The Birth Of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of an Historically Black University. On Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their Faculty Adviser, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This event occurred in the office of Biology Professor Ernest E. Just, the faculty adviser, in the Science Hall (now known as Thirkield Hall). The three Liberal Arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning "Friendship is Essential to the Soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. The phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as Cardinal Principles.

Omega continued to flourish, largely because Founders Love, Cooper, Coleman and Just were men of the very highest ideals and intellect. The Founders selected and attracted men of similar ideals and characteristics. It is not by accident that many of America's great Black men are/were Omega Men. To this date, there are very few Americans whose lives have not been touched by a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Since its humble beginnings on the Howard University campus, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity continues to be on the frontline, leveraging its power, influence, and more than one hundred years of commitment to the uplift of our people and our communities.

There are many notable Omega Men recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, education, government, and science sectors at the local, national, and international level.

Omega has built a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

The Omega Black College Tour is enthusiastically and purposely an extension of the fraternity's history.



About Xi Phi Chapter

Xi Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's oldest Graduate Chapter in New York City, was founded on November 11, 1926, by a group of graduate and professional men. Such notables as Richard E. Carey, Langston Hughes, Nathaniel Burwell, and Judge Dennis Edwards, just to name a few, were dedicated to Omega's Cardinal Principles.

Community Uplift through Perseverance Inc. (C.U.P) 501c3 sponsors and underwrites the Omega Black College Tour. Community Uplift through Perseverance, Inc (CUP) is a nonprofit, educational partnership, and community innovation arm of Xi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated located in Harlem, New York. We believe the greatest way to elevate and impact the Harlem community is through inspired collaborations with businesses, brands, and organizations.

COVID-19 POTOCOLS & VARIANTS

Please Note: All applicants must show proof of being “Fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 prior to the start of the formal interview process. “Fully vaccinated” means at least two weeks have passed after an individual received a single dose of a vaccine that requires only one dose or the second dose in a two-dose series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or the World Health Organization.

Acceptable proof of vaccination is one of the following:

- A CDC Vaccination Card a photo or photocopy is also acceptable.
- A NYC Vaccination Record or other official immunization record from within or outside the US, including from a health care provider. A photo or photocopy of this card is also acceptable.
- NYC COVID Safe App on Android or iOS.
- Excelsior Pass or Excelsior Pass Plus.

The Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. & the 2023 Omega Black College Tour will follow current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) protocols & guidelines during in-person workshops. We will also monitor and adhere to all local City and State mandated COVID-19 guidelines. In addition, each one of the HBCU schools on the tour will be contacted to acquire their COVID-19 Protocols.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent(s) or guardian(s) must be present for a designated interview.
2. Please complete the APPLICATION (in its entirety) to be selected for an interview. You can also download the application by visiting www.xiphichapter.org if needed.
3. Factors that could determine an applicant's participation are:
 - A. Potential for admission to a college or university as reflected by the applicant's academic record.
 - B. Involvement in extracurricular activities in school and volunteer work outside of school.
 - C. Timeliness of the receipt of a completed application.

To be considered, all candidates are expected to:

1. Complete all parts of the Omega Black College Tour application form and return it to as soon as possible by email to jamelnedderman@gmail.com and xiphi.bct@gmail.com. ***If extended time is needed to complete the application, please contact us immediately.*** Submission of a completed typed or smartly written application for consideration is required for the interview process.
2. Come to an in-person or virtual interview with a parent or guardian physically present.
3. Submit **TWO** letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, religious leader, community leader, or education / nonprofit sector administrator. This individual must speak to your academic and leadership potential.
4. ONE copy of your unofficial high school transcript from ninth grade to your current marking period is to be included with your completed application.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

After the completed application has been received, applicants will be notified of the date, time, and location of their in-person interview. Please make sure all information in the application is correct. We must be able to contact you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) for notification and confirmation of an interview. If you are selected for the 2023 tour, you will have to complete additional documents such as one on behavioral expectations, by or during the first required workshop.

Please note that the target population for the tour are New York City high school students. Students from schools outside of the City who wish to apply will be interviewed at the discretion of the planning committee.



CONTINUING INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Upon acceptance and prior to the start of the first workshop, students are required to complete the following forms – The Tour Code of Conduct, Image Appearance Form and Covid Questionnaire Form. The purpose of the forms will be discussed during one’s interview date and time.
2. A certified bank check or money order totaling \$25.00 for the application fee made payable to “Community Uplift Through Perseverance.” **This is a nonrefundable fee.** Please write “OBCT 2023 College Tour Application Fee” on the memo area of your certified bank check or money order. Community Uplift Through Perseverance is a 501(c) (3) partner of Xi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. **Receiving a receipt for the payment of your application fee does not mean that your application has been completely submitted and/or that you have been chosen to participate in the tour.**
3. Students and their families will be notified of their acceptance by a phone call and / or email. The completion of this application and signatures of the student and parent / guardian denotes an understanding of what is required and expected.
4. **Any application without all required documentation (letters of recommendation, unofficial transcript, essay, and application fee) will not be processed.**
5. Interested students along with their parent(s) or guardian(s) must read the application in its entirety to understand the importance of following Covid safety guidelines, and the necessary commitment to the program.
Appropriate attire is:
 - *Young Men* – dress shirt, tie, jacket, dress pants and shoes.
 - *Young Women* – blouse, pantsuit, or skirt (to knee) and shoes.
6. The Cost for the 2023 Omega Black College Tour is **\$475.00**. Upon acceptance and prior to the start of the first workshop this fee is due.



Please email your completed tour applications to Xiphi.bct@gmail.com & Jamelnedderman@gmail.com. All applications submitted via email, the application fee must be submitted at a pre-arranged date.

Once you have emailed your completed application, please mail the \$25.00 application fee to the following address:

Attention:

**Brother Jamel Nedderman, Chairman
The Omega Black College Tour Program
Hamilton Grange Station
P.O. Box 616
New York, NY 10031**

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following individuals in the order listed:

1. Jamel Nedderman, OBCT 2023 Chairman (917) 207-6599
2. Harry Watson, OBCT 2023 Co-Chairman and Basileus (harrymwatsonii@gmail.com)
3. Donnell Bolden, OBCT 2023, Co-Chairman and Vice-Basileus (d.grant.bolden@gmail.com)
4. John L. Staton, Founder and Co-Chairman, OBCT 2023 (ecdajls1945@gmail.com)



PRE AND POST WORKSHOPS

Please note that Pre-Tour workshops are scheduled to begin on **Saturday, January 7, 2023**, and will be hosted every Saturday thereafter until Sunday, February 25, 2023. All the workshops will be held at two different locations: The addresses are as follows. The Post Tour Workshop and Celebration will be held at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., Community Center.

The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Community Center

**In Central Harlem 34 West 134th Street
Between Malcolm X Boulevard and Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10037**

Street Quash

**41 West 115^h Street
Between Malcom X Boulevard and Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10026**

The schedule and workshop location information will be Emailed to the Parents and Scholars and will be distributed at the first Pre-Tour Workshop.

In addition to the first Pre-Tour workshop, parents or guardians must be in attendance for the Financial Aid workshop and the closing ceremony.

If there are any conflicts regarding in-person workshop attendance such as test prep or the selected student's job, please inform one of the Co-Chairman of the Black College Tour immediately. Please note that the first workshop and closing ceremony cannot be excluded unless noted otherwise.



EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Do remember to attach ONE copy of your unofficial high school transcript from ninth grade to your current marking period.

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| School Name | (First-year student, sophomore, junior or senior) | Public School | Private School |
| School Address | City | State | Zip Code |
| Principal | Phone | Email | |
| Counselor | Phone | Email | |
| Overall Grade Point Average: | Intended College Major: | | |

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| Have you taken the following standardized tests? | | |
| PSAT | DATE | SCORE |
| SAT | DATE | SCORE |
| ACT | DATE | SCORE |
| If you have not taken any test, when will it be taken? | | |
| MONTH | YEAR | |

LIST SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION CITATIONS YOU RECEIVED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: *Attach separately to your completed application.*

Please answer the following questions using between 350-400 words. *Attach separately to your completed application.*

- 1. Introduce yourself...who are you? What are your academic and career aspirations?**
- 2. What in your opinion, has prepared for this potential experience to date?**
- 3. How would this experience change you?**
- 4. What do you intend to contribute from a leadership standpoint if selected?**

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: *Attach separately to your completed application if needed.*

By signing page this document, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the information provided within this entire application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____, DATE _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (print) _____, DATE _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____, DATE _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (print) _____, DATE _____

END OF APPLICATION!